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In re Application of  
France Allard et al.  
Application No. 09/446,711  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 2, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed August 13, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. Extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 14, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1638 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for review of the Petition to Accept Photographs under 37 CFR 1.84(b) filed with the instant petition.

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